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POLICY ON RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CDBG PROJECTS

Effective immediately, we are making AN EXCEPTION TO THE State Rehabilitation Policy, to allow a CDBG grantee, as a part of Public Facilities construction, to connect Low and Moderate Income Persons' residential structures on to water distribution lines and/or local sewer collection lines. This activity may only be done for LMI persons in the approved project area if the project consists only of connections. However, if the connections are done as part of the new construction of a public facility, then all households in the low/mod service area may be connected using CDBG funds with the national objective for the connections being the elimination of slum and blight. Also, the necessary legal Right-of-Entry permits, etc., should be secured prior to construction from the individual property owners. The units to be connected will not have to meet Section 8 Minimum Housing Standards in order to be eligible to receive this assistance. However, such connections are considered to be housing rehabilitation and must be so designated as a separate activity. Further, because it is a housing rehabilitation activity, the connection is the property of the homeowner and, therefore, maintenance of the service connection is the sole responsibility of the homeowner.

This policy is applicable to all water and sewer Public Facility projects that meet low/mod area benefit requirements.